

**SECRET DECLASSIFIED****CTF - KOA COMMANDER'S SITREP****TIME PERIOD ENDING: 042359 (Z) AUGUST 05**

1. **COMMANDER'S SITREP:** TOTAL NUMBER OF PATROLS AND NUMBER OF JOINT PATROLS CONDUCTED WITH AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY (ANA), AFGHAN NATIONAL POLICE (ANP), AFGHAN SECURITY FORCES (ASF), AND AFGHAN BORDER POLICE (ABP).

	ECHO	FOX	GOLF	WEAPONS	H&S	TOTAL
US ONLY	2	1	3	0	2	7
W/ANA	0	0	1	0	0	1
W/ANP	0	0	0	0	0	0
W/ASF	4	0	0	0	0	4
W/AMF	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	1	4	0	2	13

2. **ENEMY ATTACKS ON ANA, ANP, AND ASF PERSONNEL, GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND KEY INFRASTRUCTURE:** N/A.

3. **CURRENT, ONGOING, AND PROJECTED OPERATIONS:** THE BATTALION CONTINUES TO FOCUS OPERATIONS IN AREAS IDENTIFIED AS SECURITY CONCERNS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DEVIL SENTINEL IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. THE BATTALION WILL BEGIN PHASE I OF A THREE PHASED OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTIONS ON 7 AUGUST.

**H&S CO:** H&S CONTINUED THEIR SECURITY MISSION WITH LOCAL PATROLS IOT SECURE THE AREA AROUND JALAL ABAD AIR FIELD WHILE CONTINUING FORCE PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOB.

**ECHO CO:** ECHO 1ST PLATOON RETROGRADED FROM KANDEGAL AREA, PECH DISTRICT, KONAR PROVINCE. 2<sup>ND</sup> PLATOON PREPARED FOR OPERATION WHALERS. 3RD PLATOON REMAINED ON FOB SECURITY.

**FOX CO:** FOX L CONTINUED CONTACT PATROL TO NAWIA, DAWLET SHAH DISTRICT, LAGHMAN PROVINCE. FOX 1 IS FOB GUARD.

**GOLF CO:** GOLF CONDUCTED MISSION PLANNING FOR OP WHALERS. GOLF 3 (-) PREPARED FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS WITH ODA 363 AT TORKHAM GATE.

**WHISKEY CO:** WEAPONS CONDUCTED MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY STANDOWNS IOT PREPARE FOR OPERATION WHALERS.

4. **ASSESSMENT OF LAST 24HRS.**

THIS IS THE SECOND POSSIBLE CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IED ATTACK ON 24 JULY. THE FIRST WAS FROM THE THREE P [REDACTED] EN SEEN THE DAY A [REDACTED] C [REDACTED] OW FROM A GROUP ASSOC WITH (b) (6). ADDITI [REDACTED] (b) (6). (b) (6) IS CREDITED WITH THE IED S [REDACTED] RDIING TO (b)(1)1.4(c) [REDACTED]. CONTINUES TO MOVE NORTH INTO NURISTAN. IT IS [REDACTED] S THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE A MAJOR MOVE INTO LAGHMAN BY COALITION FORCES, OR MAYBE HE IS ATTENDING A MEETING WITH OTHER ACM. REPORTS OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES IN OUR AO PERSIST.

5. **ASSESSMENT OF MAJOR EVENTS OR FIGURES/ORGANIZATIONS AND HOW YOUR OPERATIONS IMPACT OR ARE IMPACTED BY THEM.** SPARKS II'S DEPARTURE FROM LAGHMAN PROVINCE MAY MEAN THAT ACM ACTIVITY THERE WILL DECLINE FOR THE TIME BEING.

6. **ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ATTITUDE OF THE POPULATION.** NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE NOTED IN ANY PROVINCE. AN INCREASE IN ACM ACTIVITY COULD SWAY PUBLIC

OPINION EITHER WAY, AS IT MAY CAUSE DEATHS OF LOCAL NATIONALS OR DESTRUCTION OF THEIR PROPERTY.

**7. CURRENT OR FORECASTED CRITICAL SHORTFALLS AND WHAT ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED OR REQUESTED.**

7. A. SUPPORT IS REQUESTED IOT IMPROVE THE OPERATIONAL REACH OF TF KOA ALONG THE PECH RIVER ROAD. THE PRTS AND TF KOA CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- FORCE PROTECTION
- JINGLE TRUCK TRACKING
- IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ABAD TO BLESSING ROAD
- UPDATE TO THE PEACE PAPERS
- BFT COC HARD DRIVES CRASHED DURING ROLE NAME UPGRADES. THE PARTS ARE BEING SHIPPED FROM KUWAIT. WE REQUEST AN ESD.
- BFT TEXT MESSAGING IS CONTINUOUSLY PROBLEMATIC ACROSS AO KOA. BFT REPS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES, THEY RECOMMEND AN INCREASE IN SATELLITE FOOTPRINT COVERAGE

B. TF KOA HAS REQUESTED (b)(1)1.4(g), (b) (7)(f)

C. KBR TEAM HAS LEFT ABA [REDACTED] ISTENT POWER SHORTAGES AND WITHOUT WIRING USMC BARRACKS OR THE RIF, WHICH IS ALSO 95% COMPLETE. WE NEED KBR ELECTRICIANS AND GENERATOR MECHANICS AT ABAD AND CAMP BLESSING. CURRENT PRT DOES NOT HAVE A GENERATOR MECHANIC AND WE HAVE NO ORGANIC ABILITY TO REPAIR GENERATORS.

**8. ASSESSMENT OF NEXT 24-96 HRS:**

**24 - (04 AUG 05):** COMPANIES COMPLETE WITH THEIR RETROGRADE FROM THE KANDEGAL AREA. GOLF COMPANY CONDUCTS SECURITY AND RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS IN THE VICINITY OF THE POLLING SITES WITHIN THEIR BATTLESPACES IOT GATHER INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY THREATS TO THE POLLING SITES. FOX COMPANY CONCLUDES THEIR PATROL TO THE VILLAGE OF NAIWA IN THE ALISHANG VALLEY, LAGHMAN PROVINCE. KOA STAFF CONTINUES PLANNING FOR OPERATIONS WHALERS AND DEVIL SENTINEL. BATTALION CONCLUDES MCS-LIGHT AND BFT UPGRADES AT ALL THE FOBS (PENDING REPAIR PARTS)

**48 - (05 AUG 05):** ALL COMPANIES BEGIN REPOSITIONING IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION WHALERS. COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT MOVES NORTH WITH GUARD FORCE AND ELEMENTS OF THE FORWARD CP IN ORDER IOT PRE-STAGE FOR OPERATION WHALERS. A PLATOON FROM GOLF COMPANY WILL GAC TO ASAD ABAD IOT TO ASSUME THE GUARD FORCE FOR ECHO COMPANY

**72 - (06 AUG 05):** GOLF COMPANY IS PHASED INTO ASSAULT POSITION 7 WHERE THEY WILL SPEND THE DAY CONDUCTING VCPS PREPARING FOR THEIR MOVEMENT NORTH ON SUNDOWN ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>. CSS SUPPLIES WILL FINISH BEING STOCKPILED AT FOB ASAD ABAD AND THE GUARD FORCE TURN OVER. ROUTES KAMEHAMEHA AND PALI WILL BE CLEARED BY THE RCP AND THE FWD WILL BE OPERATIONAL.

**96 - (07 AUG 05):** ECHO, AND FOX COMPANIES GAC INTO ASSAULT POSITIONS. GOLF COMPANY IS POSITIONED FOR ATTACK AFTER SUNDOWN. WEAPONS COMPANY IS BN RESERVE.

**FUTURE:** THE CURRENT OPERATION BY MARINE FORCES IN CHICAL SET THE CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION WHALERS. TF KOA WILL TEMPORARY VACATE THE AREA AND THEN RETURN IN FORCE DISRUPTING ENEMY ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. TF KOA WILL BEGIN FORCE BUILD UP IN EARNEST ON 5 AUGUST IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION WHALERS. ALTHOUGH CLOSE TO CONCLUSION, THE COMPANY'S RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS OF THE POLLING STATIONS, CONSTRUCTION OF PCCS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTION SECURITY PLANS WILL BE PUT ON HOLD UNTIL AFTER OPERATION WHALERS. THE BATTALION WILL PROVIDE A BACK BRIEF ON CACHE RECOVERY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DETERMINED HARVEST AND HAS ALMOST CONCLUDED OUR DIRECTED TASKS.

**INFORMATION OPERATIONS/PEACE PAPERS:** REQUEST UPDATED ISSUES OF THE PEACE PAPERS.

**9. ANA: 1/1/201 KANDAK:** HHC, 2<sup>ND</sup> CO & WPNS CO PROVIDED FORCE PROTECTION AT ABAD AND RECOVERY OF ANA MIA/KIA. 3<sup>RD</sup> CO PROVIDED FORCE PROTECTION AND QRF FOR JBAD AND GUARDED DDR HEAVY WEAPONS CANTONMENT AREA. PATROLED WITH 2/3. 1<sup>ST</sup> PROVIDED FORCE PROTECTION NARAI, DISTRICT, NANGARHAR PROVINCE.

**10. PERSONNEL:**

(62 OF THE 1053 REPORTED WERE U.S. ARMY ATTACHMENTS WHO DETACHED 29JUL05 PER FRAGO 208 CHANGE 1)

OFFICER	ENLISTED	TOTAL
56	933	991

**11. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:**

**DIPLOMATIC:** KOA-6 WILL MEET WITH GOV WAFI TODAY IOT CONTINUE SETTING THE CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION WHALERS. IN ADDITION, KOA-6 WILL ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THE NDS CHIEF PRIOR TO THE START OF OPERATION WHALERS. THE ABP MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT 040930Z JUL 05 AT THE GOVERNOR'S COMPOUND. TF KOA, THROUGH FOX 6, WILL SUPPORT THE PRT COMMANDER FOR MEHT N HIS INTERACTION WITH GOV SAFI TO DEFINE A TARGET PACKAGE AGAINST (b) (6) AND THE IED CELL OPERATING IN THE DISTRICT OF ALISHING, KUNAR PR

**INFORMATION:** AN ARTICLE TITLED "AFGHANISTAN: AGENCY SAYS FIVE CIVILIANS KILLED IN ATTACK BY US SOLDIERS" [FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT] IAP20050803011010 WAS RELEASED BY THE PESHAWAR AFGHAN ISLAMIC PRESS IN PASHTO AT 0445 GMT 03 AUG 05. THIS ARTICLE IS FACTUALLY INCORRECT. WE HAVE HEARD THIS REPORT FROM AT LEAST 2 LOCALS AND GOVERNOR SAFI. FOX - LIGHT'S CONVOY DID FIRE MORTARS, BUT THEY OBSERVED EVERY IMPACT. FOX 6 HAS TALKED TO THT SOURCES AND GOVERNOR SAFI TO ATTEMPT TO INFORM ALL PARTIES THAT THIS ACT WAS NOT DONE BY COALITION FORCES. TF KOA BELIEVES THAT THE ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO MORTAR THE CONVOY IN CONJUNCTION W/ THE IED AND OVERSHOT INTO GONAPAL VALLEY. THE VERY RAPID APPEARANCE OF THIS ARTICLE FROM AN AREA AS ISOLATED AS THE GONAPAL VALLEY IS DEFINITELY AN INDICATOR OF A PRE-PLANNED EVENT. ADDITIONALLY, TF KOA HAS FEEDBACK FROM ONE THT SOURCE THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE GONAPAL VALLEY BLAMED THE EMPLACERS OF THE IED FOR THE DEATHS EVEN THOUGH THEY DO BELIEVE THAT THE MORTARS WERE FIRED BY COALITION FORCES.

**MILITARY:** OPERATION BRUINS OPORD ISSUE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 041600Z TO THE COMPANY COMMANDERS. TF KOA CONDUCTS PCC/PCI'S/ORDERS PROCESS OVER THE NEXT 48 TO 72 HOURS IOT COMMENCE OPERATION WHALERS ON 7 AUG 05. COUNTERPARTS FOR THE BN CO, S2, S3, S4, AND S5 FROM THE ANA WILL WORK WITH 2/3 DURING OPERATION WHALERS. IN ADDITION, ONE SQUAD (+) FROM GOLF CO WILL MOVE TO TORKAM GATE AND BE OPCON TO ODA IOT DISRUPT ACM ACTIVITIES IN THE JSOA.

**ECONOMIC:** NSTR.

**12. OPERATIONAL REMINDER:** AS WE PREPARE FOR THE PRE-ELECTION OPERATION ENSURE YOUR UNIT IS WELL RESTED AND UNDERSTANDS THE GENERAL SOM. INSPECT THE INSPECTOR AND SUPERVISE UNIT REHEARSALS. MAINTAIN SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND KEEP YOUR MARINES AND SAILORS INFORMED IOT MINIMIZE INTERNAL FRICTION.

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